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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

AND

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)

Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicant requests that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner.

Please note that Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-355706 was cited and discussed in the Final Rejection mailed on May 16, 2006 from the Japan Patent Office in the priority application. The relevance of this reference can be seen from the enclosed English translation of the Final Rejection. The English abstract for this reference is also enclosed.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,784,925 which is an English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-355706.

This Statement is being filed under 37 CFR 1.97(c) after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a final action under § 1.113.

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If there are any questions regarding this application, please telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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